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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO ASSIST ANY VETERAN OR MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO DEPLETED URANIUM TO OBTAIN A HEALTH SCREENING TEST.

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1 To the Secretaries of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and
2 Department of Defense:

3 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

4 Whereas, the World Health Organization has released several reports and
5 scientific studies concerning the health risks from exposure to depleted
6 uranium; and

7 Whereas, the chemical and radiological toxicity of depleted uranium has
8 been a reported cause of kidney dysfunction, damage to lung cells that
9 increases the possibility of lung cancer, neurological disorders, liver
10 infection and high miscarriage rates among military personnel who have
11 returned from a designated combat zone where depleted uranium munitions have
12 been used; and

13 Whereas, these munitions and armor were used extensively in the 1991
14 Gulf War and have remained in use during the years since the 2003 invasion of
15 Iraq; and

16 Whereas, the significant environmental impact from military use and
17 disposal of depleted uranium munitions has been found in contaminated ground
18 surfaces, which over time will lead to food and ground water contamination;
19 and

20 Whereas, there is a public health need to ensure the safe storage,
21 disposal and clean-up of munitions and other products containing depleted
22 uranium; and

23 Whereas, section 2-5 of Army Regulations 700-48 requires prompt medical
24 care for all exposed individuals; and

25 Whereas, the Environmental Agents Service (EAS) of the Office of Public
26 Health and Environmental Hazards, under the United States Department of
27 Veterans Affairs, administers health care programs related to environmental
28 issues, including those stemming from Operations Iraqi Freedom/Enduring
29 Freedom, the Gulf War, Agent Orange, depleted uranium and ionizing radiation.
30 EAS also oversees the War-Related Illness and Injury Study Centers; and

31 Whereas, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs established
32 the Depleted Uranium Follow-up Program to screen and monitor health effects
33 of depleted uranium exposure in veterans; and

34 Whereas, the exposure of members of the armed services to depleted
35 uranium may lead to health problems that take years to manifest; and

36 Whereas, the federal government should provide awareness and assistance
37 to any member or veteran of the armed forces who served in the Persian Gulf
38 War or in an area designated as a combat zone during Operation Enduring
39 Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom and who has been assigned a risk level I
40 or II for depleted uranium exposure or has reason to believe such exposure
41 occurred during that service.

42 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
43 Representatives concurring, prays:

44 1. That the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and
45 Department of Defense assist any member or veteran of the armed forces who

1 has been exposed to depleted uranium munitions or equipment, and the
2 dependants of any such member or veteran, to obtain a best practices health
3 screening test for exposure to depleted uranium that uses methods capable of
4 detecting low levels of depleted uranium.

5 2. That copies of this Memorial be transmitted to the Secretary of the
6 United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of the United
7 States Department of Defense and each Member of Congress from the State of
8 Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE APRIL 19, 2011.

PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 1, 2011.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 19, 2011.

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by the following vote: 59 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

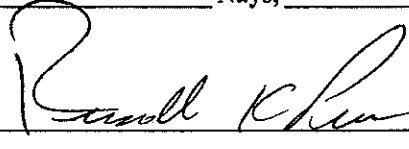

Speaker of the House

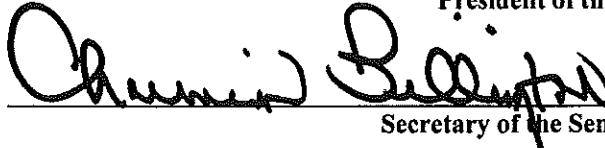

Cheryl Laube
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 1, 2011,

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting


President of the Senate


Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State
this 19th day of April, 2011,

at 4:15 o'clock P M.


Secretary of State

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